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**FOREHEAD SUPPORT APPARATUS****CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

Not applicable

**STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT**

Not applicable

**INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC**

Not applicable

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

This invention relates generally to compressible body support members, and more particularly to a urinal headrest against which a user may place his forehead and restfully lean thereagainst while using a urinal or commode.

Those who are tired and weary and find themselves in need of using a urinal or a commode may find the time required to stand in an upright position excessively long and burdensome. At present, the only option for in any way relieving the stress and tension of a tired or depleted body is to simply place the forehead against the wall onto which the urinal or commode is positioned or attached.

A number of prior U.S. patents are known to applicant which are intended to provide some support for a portion of the torso or limb of a user as follows:

U.S. Pat. No. 6,154,903 to Wai-Chung

U.S. Pat. No. 4,560,201 to Scott

U.S. Pat. No. 5,632,050 to Zajas et al.

However, none of these devices in any way provide a teaching for use thereof for supportive leaning comfort as above described to someone using a urinal or commode.

One device disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 6,061,842 invented by Randolph does disclose a hand support apparatus over a commode or urinal. This device, which is swively adjustable and lockable in various angular orientations with respect to the wall, provides a hand support position for the dirty hands of someone wanting to use a commode or urinal. In one embodiment, disposable sheets are provided so that a subsequent user will have a clean surface against which to place one of another set of dirty hands.

The present invention provides an answer to those users of urinals and commodes which find the duration of the event onerous, possibly made worse by a tired or somewhat incapacitated physical condition. Such a user of a urinal or commode will simply place his forehead against the compressible surface provided by the apparatus to effect a more comfortable inwardly leaning orientation with respect to the commode or urinal.

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

This invention is directed to a forehead support apparatus for resting a standing user's forehead above a bathroom commode or urinal. The apparatus includes a mounting member adapted for attachment to an upright bathroom wall above the commode or urinal. A compressible head support member is attached to and extends from the wall and said mounting member. The head support defines an elastically deformable or resilient forehead support surface which is

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spaced above the floor and horizontally from the wall a distance sufficient for the user to lean his forehead thereagainst and be supported while using the commode or urinal. One embodiment is also adapted for attachment beneath a showerhead of a shower stall.

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide a forehead support apparatus which is specifically structured for attachment to a wall surface above a urinal or commode for user comfort.

Yet another object of this invention is to provide a comfortable means for providing leaning rest to someone who may be weary, tired or partially impaired and requires a more stable and comfortable leaning posture while occupying both hands while using a urinal or commode.

Still another object of this invention is to provide an elongated forehead support apparatus which spans across a plurality of spaced apart urinals or commodes as in a public lavatory setting for accommodating one or more users of the urinals or commodes adjacent one another.

It is yet another object of this invention to provide a comfortable means for leaning one's head against a rest attached to a shower wall beneath a shower head of a shower stall.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S)**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the invention in use associated with a urinal.

FIG. 2 is a broken top plan view of the invention of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a frontal elevation view of the invention of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is a side elevation view of the invention of FIG. 1.

FIG. 5 is a side elevation schematic view of a variation of the invention of FIG. 1 attached to a wall above a urinal.

FIG. 6 is a front elevation view of an elongated embodiment of the invention which spans a plurality of wall-mounted urinals.

FIG. 7 is a top plan view of still another embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 8 is a broken side elevation schematic view of yet another embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 9 is a front elevation view of another embodiment of the invention positioned against a shower wall.

FIG. 10 is a side elevation view of FIG. 9.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

Referring now to the drawings, the preferred embodiment of the invention is shown generally at numeral 10 in FIGS. 1 to 4. This embodiment 10 includes a compressible forehead support member 12 and at least one mounting member or lug 20 which provides one means for attaching the back surface 18 of the apparatus 10 to the wall surface above a urinal U. Other attaching means may be substituted.

As best seen in FIG. 3, a plurality of these mounting members or lugs 20 are provided, one extending diagonally from each corner of the head support member 12. As seen in FIG. 2, the forehead support member 12 is formed of an inner compressible foam material 14 over which a layer of flexible vinyl, fabric or naugahyde material 13 has been formingly disposed and attached as upholstery.

When the apparatus 10 is attached above the urinal as shown in FIG. 1 at a distance above the floor a distance